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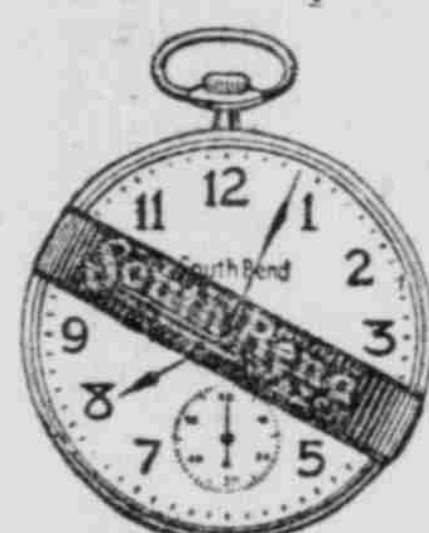
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Word again reaches South Bend through the news dispatches from the country at large that there has been another marked decline in the price of commodities. The dispatches reaching here this week also carry the promise of a further price decline.

This news, coupled with the assurance that there is to be continued employment for employed men and women throughout the winter months, is encouraging to everyone. Factories of the nation are reported to be in a healthful condition, working at capacity and producing needed commodities.

The news that Henry Ford has reduced the price of his cars is welcome news, not so much because the price of Ford cars is to be lower but owing to the general effect Ford's announcement will have on other manufactured products regarding their cost to the consumer.

General predictions by financial heads in various parts of the country that the announcement by the Detroit automobile manufacturer will have a tendency to reduce the cost of many other manufactured articles were carried in news dispatches during the week.

The further announcement that crops generally are good is also encouraging, and it now appears that the country is rapidly approaching a normal level. There has been no decrease in wage scale, and a continuance of present nation-wide prosperity is predicted.

Workers, men and women, those employed in factories and mills as well as those in offices and stores throughout South Bend as well as the rest of the country appear to be following their determination to aid the nation in settling its economical problem by producing to their fullest capacity. And it is safe to say that there is no one who will deny that their efforts are having the desired effect.

The past few months have been agreeably free from labor disturbances and rumors of them. Of course, there have been a few strikes, but these isolated instances do not appear to have marred the general prosperity trend of the nation.

The presidential campaign through which the nation is now going does not seem to be exerting any marked influence in either the business or industrial world. Neither the worker nor the employer appears to be unduly exercised over the flood of warnings sent out by this one and that one as to what will happen to the country if that one or this one is not elected in November.

On the whole, the business and industrial world appear to be more nearly normal today than they have at any time since the world war came to a close. Men and women everywhere are engaged in manufacturing munitions of peace-commodities the use of which make life worth living, and they are manufacturing them in such quantities that their abundance is bringing prices down to a normal level.

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